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1. On 20 July 1953, the ADN was directed by the Politbureau to give all information on the remilitarization of West Germany and any chauvinism becoming apparent during the election contest such a slant as to increase France's dislike of the European Defense Community and intensify French fears of an army of revenge building up in West Germany.
2. On 21 July, ADN received order from the Politbureau to give priority to information on Soviet aid to East Germany and, specifically, to stress that by these aid measures the USSR is supporting the new course of the government for the lifting of the living standard; is continuing a previous policy toward Germany; following up grain deliveries to the Ebert-Scheidemann Government in 1919, deliveries of machinery in 1919 through 1923, the Rapallo treaty and aid measures after World War II; is prepared to give aid to capitalist countries, concluding commercial treaties with Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Greece; and would also be able to aid West Germany without any "enslaving clauses" such as applied by the US. Articles to this effect were scheduled to fortify a protest movement against the US in West Germany and to call for free trade with the Eastern bloc countries.
3. On 21 July 1953, ADN received order to spread information on the quota problem and to stress the reduction of the quotas to the status they had at the beginning of the quota movement, thus making it impossible for enemy agents to instigate strikes and demonstrations.

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